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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Thursday, October 19, 2006 9 a.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 7 a.m.
Nature of Event: Man Arrested For Cousin's Murder
Location of Call: 1900 block of Taylor Road, Penryn
Released by: Lt. George Malim (530) 889-7862

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A Penryn man faces homicide charges for killing his 38-year-old cousin over stolen methamphetamine-manufacturing chemicals.



Donald Sherman

Donald Hugh Sherman, 41, was arrested at his Taylor Road home by Placer County Sheriff's detectives Tuesday following a lengthy joint investigation with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department in Reno. Sherman believed that his cousin, Guy Edward Farmer, had stolen his drug-making chemicals.

The investigation began with the discovery of Farmer's body in an abandoned gold mine outside of Reno, Nevada on October 3, where he was found by off-road drivers. Detectives have ascertained that Farmer was killed at Sherman's Penryn home in early September and his body was transported to Nevada and dumped.

Placer and Washoe County sheriff's detectives, along with Placer's Special Enforcement Team, served a search warrant at Sherman's residence early Tuesday morning. There, they found extensive evidence implicating Sherman in the killing of Farmer at the residence. Placer County Sheriff's evidence technicians were assisted at the scene by technicians from the state Department of Justice.

Sherman will be arraigned at the Placer County Jail courtroom at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Anyone with information related to this case is strongly urged to contact the Placer County Sheriff's Department at (530) 889-7867. To remain anonymous, callers may contact Placer County Crime Stoppers at (800) 923-8191.